

IN all the boardrooms of Birmingham and the City it would be difficult to find two more diverse rivals than Mr. John Sangster and Sir Bernard Docker. These two men will next face each other at the B.S.A. shareholder's meeting on August 1.

Sir Bernard drove in gold-plated Daimlers. John Sangster still enjoys riding the motor-cycles that have built his career. Sir Bernard is flamboyant and has devoted time to extra-curricular activities.

now has to fight. He himself sharply describes the whole fracas as "a national disaster."

Cabinet Craftsman

IF Sir Norman Brook, the new head of the Home Civil Service, had not decided on an administrative career, he might well have been a journalist of genius. He has an exceptional capacity for summarising diverse rambling arguments in a few brief pungent phrases, and this gift endeared him to Sir Winston Churchill in particular.

Just before the General Election of 1951 Sir Norman was appointed Second Secretary at the Treasury, but when Sir Winston entered 10, Downing Street he decided that Sir Norman was indispensable as Secretary to the Cabinet and the appointment was cancelled. Now Sir Anthony Eden also finds him irreplaceable and the new position of "chief de cabinet" has been built around Sir Norman's talents.

Sir Norman's mental precision is matched by his manual dexterity. He is an enthusiastic golfer, a pianist of some distinction, and a carpenter of great talent. In the words of one of his friends, "He's a real craftsman; far better than these chaps that you hire at ten bob an hour. He can make first-class tables and chairs—and cabinets."

Back-Room Man

Sir Roger Makins, who will now preside over the economic side of the Treasury, has little taste or time for such diversions. At the Foreign Office this tall, rather gaunt man—he has been described as "an amiable vulture"—had the reputation of working

longer and harder than anyone else in the service.

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dazzle of the Washington round somewhat disconcerting. In this television age the British Ambassador to the United States is often called upon to act as a public salesman. In the early stages of his Ambassadorial tour Sir Roger would have found this side of life quite overwhelming

without the gentle guidance of John Carter, his personal assistant.

This aspect of public life should hold no terrors for Sir Roger's successor at Washington, Sir Harold Caccia (pronounced Catchier). With his bubbling charm and total lack

of sulking self-consciousness he should be a natural television star. If any British diplomat can charm the Senatorial "China Lobby" Sir Harold is the man to do it. He even speaks Chinese.

Royal Choice

ROYAL Olympic yachting team will be chosen on board the royal yacht Britannia during Cowes week. The selection will be made by the council of the Royal Yachting Association and their new President, the Duke of Edinburgh, will take the chair.

At some stage during the selection of the five yachts and fourteen crew members it is probable that the Duke will have to "do a Washbrook" and leave the cabin. His yacht Bluebottle did particularly well under Commander Graham Mann at the Clyde fortnight and stands an excellent chance of being chosen to represent Great Britain in the Dragon class.

Croole and Eros

THE thirty British cadets from Dartmouth, Worcester, Conway and Pangbourne who helped sail the Croole in the Torbay-Lisbon race have presented Mr. Stavros Niarchos with souvenir shields of their colleges.

This was not only good manners. They are agreed that when Mr. Niarchos intervened in the sailing of the Croole his suggestions on the sheeting of the sails were invariably sound, even when they concerned the largest sail in the world—Croole's 9,000 square foot spinnaker.

Mr. Niarchos's other yacht, the Eros, was also lying in Cascais Bay when Croole crossed the line. It is in the Eros that Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce leaves today on a three-weeks' cruise to shake off the last traces of her singular malaise.

Dior for Men

WHAT, on Tuesday, will Christian Dior have in store for men?

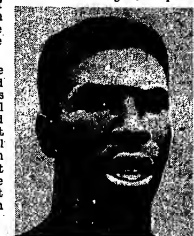
Dior's Men's Boutique has been open for a year and steel-blue Italian silk sports shirts, at £12 10s., loose-knit wool raching sweaters at £23 (23s with roll collar) and sports jackets in calf at £50 have become a "must" for Men of Distinction.

The suede-leather jeans made to measure for £38 are also a dashing innovation, but a distinguished Englishman, whose pair was delivered to him a few days ago, suspects

of sulking self-consciousness he should be a natural television star. If any British diplomat can charm the Senatorial "China Lobby" Sir Harold is the man to do it. He even speaks Chinese.

Standing up, the slim Dior silhouette is most fetching, but my friend cannot sit down without undoing the top three buttons, and he is faced with the ghastly suspicion that his splendid confection is designed to be worn with a foundation garment.

Dumas the High-Jumper



NINETEEN of the fifty-three members of the U.S. Olympic athletics team are Negroes.

Charlie Dumas, the first man to high-jump over seven feet, is one of them.

When, the other day, Dumas said in the Los Angeles Coliseum, "Move it up to seven feet," one of the other competitors said "Charlie, if you do that and make it, seven guys will equal it next week. Make it seven feet and half an inch."

Dumas failed once, then he re-laced his green kangaroo-skin shoes and sailed over the bar—leaving it quivering at a measured height of seven feet five-eighths inch.

Who's U?

A LETTER from "Your Excellencies' Servant, Cecil A. Hill," invites me to apply for inclusion in "Who's Who in London Society," to be published next year from Suite 30, 118, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

The annual subscription fee of £21 "provides pre-payment of the cost of your Biographical Notice. . . . But please note that payment alone does not actually buy a place among the names of society members. Those listed are selected by an anonymous committee of peers and commoners. . . . The primary qualification is, in each case, purity of conduct. The possession of race and riches, etc., may thus be of secondary importance to the committee."

I can think of many reasons why this is likely to be a pretty slim volume.



MR. JOHN SANGSTER

ties. John Sangster has made a fetish of reticence and nearly all his energy is committed to his companies.

John Sangster's personal fortune has climbed from five to seven figures in the last twenty-five years, but apart from his skill as a buyer and seller of companies, he has always remained a craftsman and a fine leader of production and design teams.

In the words of one early associate, "John Sangster has a dignified mind," and I am not surprised that this short, dapper man has little liking for the untidy battle which he